

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR FLORIDA ORANGES

The New York Produce News of Saturday says that receipts of Florida oranges have been practically the same as last week. The market has shown a much better tone, however, and there has been a good demand for fancy fruit. The main inquiry seems to be for 176s and the larger sizes. The 200s and 216s are duller and are not taken readily by the trade. As has been the case since the season started, there has been considerable green and immature fruit here and this has been selling slowly at irregular prices, most of it under \$1.75. Receivers here learn that receipts will be considerably heavier next week as the movement from Florida is growing all the time.

Last week the News printed an interview with E. R. Brackett of the E. R. Brackett Co., in which he said that the constant rains were hurting the Florida crops. The News is in receipt of a letter from Chase & Co., of Jacksonville, under date of October 21, in which they take issue with this statement. Following is the communication:

"There is no truth in the report that Florida oranges have been injured by too much rain. The writer has been an orange grower in Florida for 25 years. We always have heavy rains in September. While the rainfall during September was more than the average for the year it was normal. Plenty of rain just before the fruit matures always insures a crop of the very finest quality. Just as soon as we have cool, seasonable weather, which always prevails in October and November, you will find that Florida will be up to her usual standard. The last few years have been dry ones and the crop has suffered in quality and quantity. The ample rains in September have filled up the water courses all over the state, and we are in better shape as far as water goes than we have been for several seasons. This is the truth, and the weather bureau could verify our statement relative to the rainfall."

Good Season Predicted

The general opinion of traveling men who have been through Florida is that this season should be a very good one. They say that the rain so far has not been sufficient to damage the oranges to any great extent and they look for the coming crop to be the best that has come out of the state for a good many years. Buyers are not down there in any number and the few on hand are paying very low prices for the fruit. The indications are that the orange growers will do well this season to get 75c@85c a box for their fruit on the trees. The condition is due largely to the financial stringency in the north, and not entirely to the shipping of green fruit.

The California Valencia market has again been very active. The highest prices of the season were realized this week when some extra fine stock of the Old Mission brand brought \$7.37. Receipts have been extremely light, averaging not over three cars a day. The weather has been ideal for orange sales. Combined with the light receipts, this has caused an advance of fully 50¢@75¢ a box on the best grades of fruit. The eating quality and condition of the Valencias have been exceptionally good for this time of year. Advices from California, however, are that the Valencias are pretty well cleaned up and around the first or middle of November, shipments of Valencias will commence. The general range on ordinary fruit this week has been: 96s to 126s, \$5@5.50; 150s. to 216s, \$5.20@6.50.

Porto Rico Fruit Improves

About 10,000 boxes of Porto Rico oranges have been offered this week. Quality and condition of the fruit shows some improvement, and as a result prices have advanced. The offerings are now showing more color and are in good demand. While some of the fruit shows green on the outside, it is very palatable. Receivers look for a steady improvement in the condition and quality of the Porto Ricoes from now on and hope that prices will show a corresponding advance. The general run of fruit this week has sold at a range of \$1.50@2. The Porto Rico grapefruit has been in light receipt. The fact that most of it is green, militates against its sale, although it is very eatable. It has been selling around \$1@2.

Receipts of Florida grapefruit are about the same as they have been. There is a steady, fair demand for juicy and well colored Florida grapefruit at \$3@3.50 with a few exceptionally good marks exceeding these quotations. Much of the fruit is still green and juiceless. This is selling slowly at irregular prices. Some of this fruit at auction brought as low as \$1 a box, but the major portion of it sold around \$2. There is no question that when the Florida grapefruit shows an improvement in quality, prices will also be considerably better. There is a good crop in Florida and some first class grapefruit should be coming forward before very long.

NEW RAILROAD FOR SANFORD

Monday and Tuesday of this week marked an epoch in the history of Sanford, for on those days the real work on the Sanford & Everglades railroad was commenced. For many weeks past the papers have been full of notes about this new road and the survey work taking place, but this week the reality was forced upon the people when the work of grading actually began. All day Monday and Tuesday large parties drove out or walked out to view this most important start in Sanford's march of progress.

The right of way starts from the connection of the Oviedo branch of the A. C. L., near Park avenue, and crosses Sanford avenue near the Close place, taking a southeast course through the celery delta and the richest farming country in the entire south.

Men and teams are as busy as bees breaking the ground and filling in, and preceded by an efficient corps of engineers under the supervision of Chief Engineer Ginn, the work is being rushed through, the company expecting to have the first five miles ready for cars the first day of February.

Leaving outside the great benefits to be derived by the celery growers and the people of Sanford, this new road, after leaving the celery delta, will traverse some of the richest timber tracts in Florida, and the right of way to the southern end of Florida will do much toward opening up this vast region which for years has laid idle, only awaiting the advent of the steel rails to awaken it into life and civilization.

After the completion of the first five miles through the celery delta, the Sanford Traction Co., which has already obtained a charter from the city, will connect with the railroad and build a traction road through the streets of Sanford, thus giving the people within a radius of five miles on each side of the city a chance to market their crops and ship direct from their farms.

It will also prove a great boon to owners of suburban property, as they can reside some distance from the business center and still transact business in the city proper.

In fact, there is no end to the possibilities or great benefits to be derived from the Sanford & Everglades railroad and the Sanford Traction Co., and only the future can unfold Sanford of after years.—Sanford Herald.

THE LOVE OF A DOG

Have you ever been so fortunate as to have the friendship of a dog? The feeling of love and friendship is attributed usually to human beings alone, but anyone who has ever been loved by a dog will bear me out in the statement that there is no tenderer devotion than his, no deeper affection or more unselfish attachment. He obeys like a child, defends like a tiger, is happy when you are happy and miserable when you are sad. Look at him as he lies there at your feet while you read your evening paper. He watches every motion with those steadfast, beautiful eyes. He is on the alert for any order you may give, sensitive to your slightest movement. You go away and leave him, he waits, patiently, your return. A long separation breaks his heart. He even refuses food and is restless and unhappy until your face smiles down upon him again. And when you meet once more with what unchecked enthusiasm, what frank and innocent delight, he greets you! Suppose misfortune overtakes your pathway, friends forsake you at the lowering of the cloud, you may be in disgrace with all the world, but your dog still loves, still trusts, still abides in friendship as firm as the everlasting hills. You can never be quite forsaken while he lives. Oh, this is something worth having, is it not? Do you think the earth holds any reasoning friendship half so noble, so fine or so pure as the unreasoning affection of your dog.—C. M. Ogilvie, in the Berkshire Animal Rescue League.

THE THREE FRANKS

"The Three Franks"—Frank Clark, Frank Sebring and Frank Pope—are doing the oratorical honors for Florida in the presidential campaign in a most approved manner, and their work is greatly appreciated by the democratic campaign committee.

Congressman Clark, by special request of William Jennings Bryan, begins a whirlwind campaign in New York state today, and Frank Sebring wound up at Chicago on Saturday night, after a strenuous and most successful week in Illinois. He has been assigned to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa for the remainder of the campaign period, and writes Mayor Sebring, his father, that indications are that Bryan will have a landslide in the states which he has visited. Frank Pope sends similar reports from the east, where he has been speaking with the usual good effect for some time.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

REPLIES TO A CRITIC

Lynne, Fla., Oct. 27, 1908.

To the Editor Ocala Banner: Give me only a little space to reply to the communication of C. W. M., in your issue of the 22nd inst. I do not know who he is. A man who shoots from the bushes always has the advantage of a man who is not ashamed of his name nor the argument he makes. In the first place, there is no argument in his "low lung" insinuation. In the second place, I have no desire to discuss a moral question with a public gambler—he offered to "bet his horse, Jim, against a Thanksgiving turkey."

His writings bear the ear-marks of a "calamity howler"—one born on the wrong time of the moon; one like Ishmael of old, whose hand is against every man who does not look through his glasses; one who is mad with whiskey because he cannot drink it all himself; one who is not willing to submit to the majority rule in politics nor religion; one who has repeatedly failed to get his man in and failed occasionally to get himself in; one who is on one side of a question sometimes and sometimes on the other side—like the chameleon (lizard)—green when on the bush and gray when on the fence. Such an erratic man will never succeed in electing a president of these United States, nor even run a county dry.

Without egotism, I will venture the assertion that I have given more dollars to run this and other counties of the state dry than he ever gave cents. I very much doubt if he will vote for all the nominees of the democratic party in next Tuesday's election. I go to assure him that shall I live to go to the polls on the 3rd prox., I shall vote for every man from Bryan down to constable, nominated by the democratic party, including Messrs. Carn and Light. My neighbors will do likewise. Will C. W. M. do as much? Or will he vote for Chafin or Tom Watson or Hisgen?

Yours to democracy and temperance.

R. F. ROGERS.

BOGUS DEMOCRATS

Gen. Luke Wright has been called out to help the failing cause of the man who employs him. In New York General Wright was led out to make a republican speech and was introduced as a democrat. Gen. Wright is just as much a democrat as he is a Chinaman—and no more.

Any man has a right to change his politics. No man has a right to speak to a republican audience in the interest of the republican ticket and call himself a democrat.

Gen. Wright is a good man, a good citizen and no doubt a good official. He was a good Confederate soldier. There is no stain upon his record. The south likes him and has no serious objection to his being a republican. Hundreds of good men have gone into the republican camps and not lost a friend. Gen. Wright is a republican holding a republican office, eating republican bread and making republican speeches and is wishing for republican success. He does wrong to permit any man to introduce him as a democrat. That is sailing under false colors and a good man cannot afford to do that. He could not deceive his own wife into thinking him a democrat, and certainly no man in the United States thinks Gen. Wright a democrat.—Birmingham (Ala.) Ledger.

SPANISH MACKEREL PLENTIFUL

Another good catch of Spanish mackerel was made yesterday by one of the small boats of the Wilson & Huddleston fleet, and although the boat did not get out to the grounds until about nine o'clock in the morning it came in during the early hours of the afternoon with about five hundred pounds of fish.

This is not the only catch of mackerel made during the week, but is probably the largest haul so far this season. All of the fish will be sent to the northern markets with the exception of a few, which will be disposed of on the Miami market. All of the fishermen are now busy getting their rigs in shape, and by the first of next month nearly every boat in the business will be away to the fishing grounds to the southward.

Should the northerly winds continue for a few days some large catches are expected, as it is always noted that the fish run much better when the wind is in the north. Mackerel have also appeared on the coast near Fort Pierce, and it is reported that all the boats at that place are on the lookout for big schools. Last year a remarkable catch of several thousand pounds was made at Fort Pierce, but after that catch none of the boats made a big haul during the remainder of the season.—Miami News-Record.

FOR CHAPPED HANDS

Chapped skin, whether on the hands or face, may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by all druggists.

UNEMPLOYED VOTE HERE IS FOR BRYAN

Every man who applied for work at the Sheltering Home of the Unemployed, No. 20, Duane street, last Saturday, was handed a blank ballot at the request of the World, and he registered secretly his preference for president and governor. If he voted in 1904 he also recorded that vote.

The result shows an overwhelming sentiment for Bryan and Chanler. The lieutenant governor polled 102 of the 112 votes cast. Shearn will get only four of the seventy-one votes cast for Hearst in 1906.

The vote was as follows:

Number of votes cast, 112.

For President in 1908	
Taft.....	14
Bryan.....	90
Hisgen.....	5
Debs.....	3

For Governor in 1908	
Hughes.....	6
Chanler.....	102
Shearn.....	4

For President in 1904	
Roosevelt.....	40
Parker.....	60
Debs.....	3

For Governor in 1906	
Hughes.....	15
Hearst.....	71

—World.

The Punta Gorda Herald and the Starke Telegraph deserve the thanks of the press of the state of Florida for their able and convincing articles in refutation of the charges of corruption and venality among the newspapers of Florida. These charges, made by a few newspapers against all who may differ with them in opinion, go far to destroy the influence for good that practically every paper in the state seeks to exercise. Every reputable newspaper owes it to the credit of the profession it represents to hold up to publicity such editorial misfits as may be guilty of unworthy acts; but there should be reasonable ground for attack, and they should be specifically stated. Sweeping, general charges, in which it is sought to cast suspicion of graft or dishonesty upon a large portion of the press are unwarranted and unjust, and is the result in most instances of the accuser measuring his neighbor's corn in his own bushel.—Lakeland News.

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